

S. B. Gelo has sold out his clothing business to I. Stephenson and will soon go to Massachusetts where he has work.

Dennis Shortleaves is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Martha Barber of Pennsylvania, whom he has not seen before for sixteen years.

Mrs. F. F. Sawyer, Mrs. L. B. Wellman, Miss Mae Chamberlin and Harrie Wellman attending the Musical Convention at Newport last week.

F. S. Newton was in town last week. He conducts a successful butter and egg business in Lowell, Mass., and was here in the interests of his firm.

Edson Kinney assumed the management of the help in Curtis' tub-shop on Monday last. Mr. Kinney has excellent executive ability and will make a good foreman.

Schools in general closed last Friday. The vacation between the winter and spring terms is so long, that it will be impossible to tell whether the same teachers will be retained or not. We believe that the schools as a whole have been a success.

As A. P. Sweet was about starting for Eden his sleigh was overturned and the horses ran as far as L.L. Cross' place, when they were stopped by Simeon Bowman. No damage was done to sleigh, horses or persons, although the distance to Cross' and back, eight miles, was covered in 27 minutes.

Solomon Morton has sold his property here, consisting of house, blacksmith shop and tillage land, to Milo Hines. Consideration \$1200. Mr. Hines takes possession of the blacksmith shop today, the 14th inst. and has hired Edward Lucas as horse-shoer. Mr. Morton has not yet decided where he will go. He is at present taking an extended trip to Montreal, Concord and Boston, probably with a view of finding a location. We shall be sorry to lose Mr. Morton's people.

Morgan.

Delia B. Magoon, who has had a long siege with rheumatic fever, is much better. She acknowledges with much gratitude her obligations to many who have contributed to her wants during her sickness.

Morgan Center

Willie Atkins of Evansville is working for J. H. Gilmore.

School in the Center district, taught by Irving Forbes, closed the 8th.

Mrs. B. C. Burroughs is on the sick list.—Henry Elliott is slowly recovering.—Damon Judd continues to fail.

Newport.

H. G. Blanchard has gone on to the road as a traveling salesman for John F. Nicholson of Boston.

Charles L. Drown has purchased the Clark Hunt place, known as the Lakeside Stock Farm. Price \$4,500.

Homer E. Farrar has moved into one of rooms in the Lorimer & McDairmid block, where he will carry on the harness business.

A new foot-bridge is being built on the west side of the long bridge leading across the bay—a much needed improvement.

Mrs. J. I. Bertrand has returned from Wolcott, where she has been caring for her sister, Mrs. C. B. Guire, who is somewhat improved.

Herbert Doyle has finished work in the wheelwright shop of Fairbrother & Gale.—Mr. Dodd of Irasburgh is at work in the telegraph office while Miss Rhody takes a vacation.

Arthur Gilbert has returned to St. Albans where he will work in the Messenger office.—L. P. Currier has gone to Bellows Falls where he has a place in the job office of H. B. Davis.

E. L. Blanchard has sold his interest in the firm to W. W. True and J. R. Aikin, who use the old firm's name and carry on business as heretofore. Mr. Blanchard makes this change on account of his health.

N. L. Foster has gone to work in the E. S. Ball vegetable and fruit store.—Roy Skinner of Barton is the new clerk in the Bigelow drug store.—Mr. Folsom of West Derby is driving the fish team of Charles Morse.

Dr. C. F. Branch of Amherst, Mass., was in town last week.—Miss Ada McArthur of Sherbrooke, P. Q. is the guest of Mrs. E. Lane.—Sherman Campbell of St. Johnsbury and family are here on a short visit to his brother, F. J. Campbell, Miss Florence Campbell of New York is also visiting at Mr. Campbell's.—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Foster visited Horace Story's people in Irasburgh last week.—Leslie Wright of Boston, former clerk of H. S. Root, came up last week to do some visiting and to attend the convention.—Miss Alice Raymond of Cambridge, Mass., is in town.—Will Bean is home from Burlington.—Del Shepley is here calling on his friends, and taken in the Festival.—Claud Wright went to Boston last week.

The musical Festival was a decided success in every sense of the word. There was a fairly large chorus, and the attendance at the matinees, the concerts and the promenade were large. The orchestra, the star singers, and the management were all first class. The receipts were satisfactory. We regret that space forbids a more detailed account of the gathering. The following are the officers chosen for the coming year: President, Geo. F. Root; vice Pres., E. J. Prouty; Sec., Miss I. E. Miller; Cor. Sec., Miss Emma A. Barnes; Treas., Homer Thrasher; executive committee, F. W. Cutting, G. H. Prouty, C. F. Ranney; advertising committee, F. M. Davison, Mrs. W. B. Ranney, C. F. Begelow; auditors, H. S. Root, O. C. Miller.

County court ended up with only three jury trials. The last one between Harry Merrill of Barton and F. H. and Carlos Skinner of Brownington. The plaintiff sold the defendants three cows for a certain amount of money. There was some talk about the cows, their milking, etc. After the cows were taken to the Skinners it was found that two of them were hard milkers, and they were driven back to Merrill, turned into his field and the money due for them was not paid over. Merrill claims that he did not deceive the defendants. Jury brought in for plaintiff, that he recover the balance due on the

three cows. Four divorces were granted: Mary Sawyer vs. Elbridge Sawyer, Alfreda Porter vs. Fred Porter, Hattie Gardner vs. Calvin Gardner, May Wright vs. True B. Wright.

Troy.

The Board of Agriculture held meetings at this place Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Nettie Miller and daughter and Grace Allbee attended the convention at Newport last week.

Elam Kendall is sick with pneumonia.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wiswall have been called here by the serious sickness of her mother, Mrs. Horace Martin.

Mrs. William Elliott of Waterbury is here, the guest of Hon. C. P. Stevens.—Herman Miller and Mrs. E. A. Coddling of Johnson are here with relatives.—Frank Wells of Bakersfield is visiting here.

Westfield.

M. Winslow Farman lectures in Westfield this week.

Rev. Mr. Sugg of Jay preached in the M. E. church, Sunday, Feb. 6th.

Rev. A. Gregory and son, Harry, of Holland were in town recently.—Rev. Aiken visited his father recently.

Homer Foster, son of Rodney Foster, who has been sick with pneumonia, died last Friday. The funeral was held Sunday.

Miss Winnie Farman, who has been teaching in N. Lowell, finished her school last week. The primary school in the village, taught by Miss Dolly Trumpass, closes this week.

There is much sickness in town these days; Dea. M. C. Hitchcock, Mrs. Betsey Stebbins, Mrs. Olin Aiken and Mrs. D. E. Wright are among the number. An epidemic of colds.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 6, the C. E. society observed C. E. Day, using the locomotive exercise issued by the United Society. The attendance was large and the meeting, which was under the charge of Mrs. L. P. Atwood, passed off very pleasantly.

Westmore.

Minnie Allen was taken to the Waterbury asylum recently.

The town auditors will meet at Gilman's Tavern, Feb. 24.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. H. E. Lyon, Feb. 17th. All are invited.

J. W. Hyde is still on the sick list.—Horace Willard is very low with consumption.

Ina Hopkins closed the winter term of school in the Conley district, the first teacher having married and quit teaching.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

West Burke.

J. S. Otis has closed his school at Burke Hollow.

E. B. Smith, who has been dangerously sick, is better.

The village schools closed last Friday. They have been badly broken up during the winter, each department having had three teachers.

The event of the week was the marriage of Miss Rose Solomon to Mr. Levi Kugleman of Milan, N. H. They received many valuable presents. Mrs. Kugleman was one of our most esteemed young ladies and the best wishes of many friends follow the happy couple to their home.

Jacob Farmer and family of Island Pond recently visited his daughter, Mrs. Nelson Burt.—John McLellan and family of Glover were here last week.—Maud Huntley of Lyndonville spent last week with relatives here.—Geo. Smith visited his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Powers.

Hardwick.

Samuel McKenzie has sold his pacer to John Davis of Danville.

Mrs. R. R. Wilmet of Lyndonville, who has been visiting her brother, Ira Shattuck, of this place, returned home.—Geo. Clark of Groton has been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.—Mrs. I. P. Titus is visiting at Burlington.

St. Johnsbury

Rev. Mark Atwood, the well-known and respected pastor of the Free Baptist denomination, is in feeble and failing health.

O. M. Tinkham, the only and peculiar "Tinkham" has been in town as an agent for a book, but probably on a political mission of some sort.

Judge Smith has just returned from a pleasant sojourn in Washington. While there he had opportunity to shake hands with the presidents of the greatest and the smallest republics on earth, President McKinley of the United States and President Dole of the Sandwich Islands.

Sheffield.

Martin Miles died Sunday morning after a short illness.

Miss Kirby of Glover is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Day.

The children of H. E. Page and H. Marcou are sick with the whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Drown have returned from a week's visit in Canada among Mrs. Drown's relatives.

The happy event of last week was the marriage of Rev. C. Morse, pastor of the M. E. church, to Miss Maude Buck of Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McDowell gave a party to their friends last Friday evening in honor of their son Orrie, it being his twenty-first birthday.

W. Simpson and wife of Barton, E. Bickford and wife and L. P. Drew and wife of Glover were in town last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Martin Miles.

Sutton.

The Board of Agriculture will hold meetings at the village Thursday and Friday of this week.

Wheelock.

Harley Hoffman has gone to St. Johnsbury to work.

Grange meeting next Saturday. Three persons will be taken into the Grange.

Plummer Drown has bought out H. H. Eastman, who will soon move to the Fred Day farm.

Mrs. I. T. Lefoe has been on a visit in Newport Center.—Mrs. Hollis Welch and Alma have been visiting in Mass.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Preacher's Meeting and Epworth League Convention of the St. Johnsbury district convened at Lyndonville Feb. 2nd and 3rd. After a praise service, led by Rev. T. Tyrie, the first topic on the program, "The Duty of a Methodist Pastor and his Predecessor," was discussed by Rev. L. P. Chase in a brief, pointed, well-worded speech. The speaker emphasized the necessity of brotherly love, of speaking of the virtues and never of the defects of the predecessor.

The next topic, "The Duty of a Methodist Pastor and his Successor," was discussed by Revs. Todd and Dixon. Both of these speeches contained many valuable and helpful suggestions. Rev. S. C. Johnson, Dist. President of the Epworth League, was called to the chair. George E. Cole, of Barton Landing chapter, read a very fine paper on "Influence of Associates." He divides all associates into two classes: those leading us toward God, and those leading us from God. He spoke of the influence of self, devil and Holy Ghost. He showed the necessity of making the most out of self, of guarding well the snares of the devil, and of keeping constantly in the company of the Holy Ghost. He criticized pastors and christian workers for the too frequent practice of condemning evil without providing a cure. It was a very practical and interesting paper.

Mr. F. J. Kinney of Hardwick chapter responded to the topic of "Failure of the Past; How avoided in the Future," in a well written paper. He spoke of the relation of League to God's church and Kingdom, of church literature in the League as essential for active work, of the spiritual life of each member, the secret of success, of the necessity of laying all upon the sacrificial altar, that stands at the beginning of the christian life, of being filled with love, improving opportunities and consecrating energies. "The Characteristics of a Live President," were presented by J. C. Davison of Newport chapter. These were church membership, religious experience, adaptability persistence, punctuality, liberality and an acquaintance with Methodist literature. These points were all clearly and forcibly presented. The paper was a good one and was enjoyed by all who heard it. "The Epworth League in a Revival" by Bernice Hall of the Sheffield chapter was a very interesting paper, and showed much careful thought in its preparation. The paper dealt with the important relation of the League to the church and the preparation needed to make it an effective ally in revival work. It emphasized the necessity of having good, live, spiritual singing and of the League being organized into a working force. It contained many excellent suggestions. "Our weakness and our strength," a paper written by Mrs. M. B. Parounagian, was considered by many as one among the best papers of the convention. The writer spoke of the principles and strength of the organization and the wide extent of the work; declared the organization not perfect in power but thought the weakness was not in the organization but in the individuals composing the organization. Some of the sources of weakness pointed out by the writer were discouragement, failure to work all departments, causing abnormal growth, lack of practical knowledge of League work, too much reliance upon our own strength and not enough upon the power of God. She thinks the League is doing a grand work in bringing the young people into harmony with surrounding circumstances and playing an important part in bringing about civic righteousness. She takes a very hopeful view of the future and exhorts the young people to take courage, reminding them of the great army of recruits from the Juniors that will soon join their ranks, and above all to remember that the Lord is their strength.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer. Rev. J. O. Sherburne read a paper on "The Qualities of Effective Preaching." We expected a very clear, well written and forcible paper. We were not disappointed. He said there were two objects in all effective preaching: to make Christ known; to advance his kingdom. The preaching that will produce these results must be scriptural, spirit aided, have a realizing sense of the importance of the task, filled with love, adapted to congregation, thoroughly studied, and have back of it a pious, devout man. "What are the least adequate Manifestations of a Converted Life?" was discussed by Rev. A. E. Austin. The speaker defined very clearly a converted Life, and insisted that the least adequate Manifestations of a Converted Life must harmonize with the New Testament standard. "Tests of Ministerial Success" by Rev. Smithers, was full of instruction and interest. The speaker has a very unique, forcible way of putting things. He mentioned some things frequently mistaken for success such as popularity, filling churches, etc. He said a successful preacher obeys God, has faith, possesses converting power, is wide awake, up to date, and is filled with the Holy Ghost. The next part of the program was the reading of scripture lessons and hymns that had been assigned to some of the younger men of the Conference. This was a very helpful exercise and many good points were brought out in the criticisms that followed.

In the evening was the dedication of the new church. The exercises began with a praise service led by Rev. S. C. Johnson. A number of the preachers took part in the preliminary exercises. Rev. E. M. Smith, D. D., preached a sermon of great power, to a crowded house. His text was John 1: 11, 12. It was a grand theme grandly treated. Dr. Smith has won the hearts of the preachers of Vermont, and his going from us is much regretted. At the conclusion of the sermon, Presiding Elder Hamilton and J. O. Sherburne dedicated the church. The society at Lyndonville has long needed a new church edifice, and the erection of this beautiful little church marks a triumph in the cause of Methodism in that place. Much credit is due the heroic spirit of pastor Johnson and his noble band of christian workers.

Not being present at the session Thursday morning, we are informed that the following program was carried out:

After devotional exercises, a paper was presented by Mrs. Rand of the Brton chapter on "What Spoke shall we take from the Epworth Wheel?" This was an excellent paper, vindicating the existence of the Wheel. A paper on the "Spirit of Giving" from the Island Pond chapter was read by W. S. Smithers. Our informant said this paper was superlatively good. Rev. J. E. Knapp read a paper from the West Concord chapter on "Equipments Necessary to Lead a Prayer Meeting." Following this paper Dr. Smith gave a very fine address. "Paul's Ideal Preacher" was discussed by M. B. Parounagian and Mr. Bolster, "Paul's Ideal Church" by S. G. Lewis, and "Paul's Ideal Christian" by J. E. Knapp. "The least adequate Manifestations of a Converted Life" by S. Donaldson and "The Pastor as a Citizen" by W. E. Douglass and A. L. Cooper. We feel safe in saying all these papers and addresses were interesting and worthy of the occasion.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. C. Pierce, Barton; H. S. Webster, Barton Landing; R. E. French, Glover; G. W. Russell, Irasburgh.

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J. FRANK RUGGLES, West Burke.
W. H. Tibbitts, Coventry.

DIED.

In Irasburgh, Jan. 31, Mrs. Alice Hawley Miles.
Dearest Alice, you have left us,
Here your loss we deeply feel.
But its God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the days of life are fled,
Then in Heaven with joy we'll greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

In Newport Center, Feb. 2, Mrs. Carl Rollins.
In Newport, Feb. 8, Clyde, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Holten.
In Barton Landing, Feb. 7, Mrs. Martha Flint Daniels, and daughter of the late Wm. S. Flint, of Irasburgh, aged 60 years and 7 months.
"We thank Thee, O God, for the peace of the dead,
For the joy of the soul set free."

MARRIED.

In Newport, Jan. 31, by Rev. A. L. Wadsworth, Mr. Chas. H. Rollins and Miss Vinnie R. Coolbeth.
In Glover, Feb. 9, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. E. Douglass, Barton J. Campbell of Brownington, and Miss Cora Belle Sherburne.
In Newport, Feb. 10, by Rev. A. L. Wadsworth, George McArthur and Miss Nellie Moore.

BIRTHS.

At Newtonville, Mass., Feb. 7, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jones.
In Newport, Jan. 30, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Carr.
In Newport, Feb. 1, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams.
In West Derby, Feb. 2nd, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Webster.
In Barton, Feb. 7, a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop.

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